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CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS IN JHARKHAND

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the programmes being implemented by the Government for cultivation of medicinal plants and setting up of associated industries in Jharkhand;
- (b) the areas identified for the purpose; and
- (c) the progress made under this programme so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on MacroManagement in Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through WorkPlan under which development of medicinal and aromatic plants is one of the activities. Under this programme one herbal garden and one nursery have been established at Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi. The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is also implementing promotional and commercial schemes for the development of medicinal plants in the country including Jharkhand. The NMPB has sanctioned three projects during 2001-02 for

- (a) establishing 20 demonstration plots
- (b) establishing 20 nurseries and
- (c) conducting study-cum-survey in Ranchi District.